wherein the cover housing includes means for attaching to the side plate of the cartridge of electronic parts.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, in view of the above amendments and in light of the following remarks and discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-24 are currently pending in the application; Claim 10 having been amended by way of the present Amendment.

Applicants express thanks for the courtesies extended by Examiner McCamey during a telephone conference of February 6, 2003. During the telephone conference, Examiner McCamey agreed that Claims 1, 2, and 4-24 are allowable over the references of record in the application. However, Examiner McCamey requested that independent Claim 10 be amended to overcome possible informalities, and not in view of any of the references of record in the application. In response, Applicants have amended independent Claim 10 as suggested by the Examiner.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1, 2, and 4-24 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, she is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Finally, the attention of the Patent Office is directed to the change of address of Applicants' representative, effective January 6, 2003:

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IN THE CLAIMS

The claims have been amended as follows:

10. (Twice Amended) A connector for a cartridge of electronic parts, which is a plug type connector fixed to a side plate of the cartridge of electronic parts, comprising:

a plug housing including a back face opposing to the side plate of the cartridge of electronic parts;

- a cover housing combined with the plug housing; and
- a circuit board fixed to the back face and held by both the housings;

wherein the cover housing includes means for attaching to the <u>side plate of the</u> cartridge of electronic parts.